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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yutaka TAKATA, et al.

Application No.: 10/757,957

Filed: January 13, 2004

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING
STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLING
APPARATUS, AND STORAGE
DEVICE CONTROLLING APPARATUS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 5049

Examiner: Lev Iwashko

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.